THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) It is not a fact that the felling of thousands of Chir trees in Pauri Garwal forest is still continuing in spite of Government's directives as per information from the State Government.

(b) The incident of felling of Chir trees in Pauri Garwal forest was investigated by the State Government and two hundred stumps of trees were found on the spot. These trees were felled by villagers for their bonafide domestic use, under the provision of Uttar Pradesh Protection of trees in rural & hill areas Act, 1976. Hence no action is due in this case.

2757. [Transferred to 26th August, 1993]

Amendment of Indian Forest Act

2758. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Forests Act is proposed to be amended by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Presently the Indian Forest Act, 1927 is the principal legislation which regulates the management of forests by the States. Since its adoption, forestry has undergone many conceptual changes leading to the new National Forest Policy in 1988. Consequently the need has been felt for a revised and more comprehensive legislation which would take into account the new National Forest Policy and the emerging imperatives of Conservatrion of Forests and Wildlife and preservation of nation's biodiversity.

Broadly speaking, the new provisions/amendments proposed fall into three catergories :

(1) Amendments to the existing provisions with a view to make them more effective.

(2) Incorporation of provisions which already exists in some of the states either by way of amendment to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or by virtue of new Acts enacted by the states.

(3) New provisions which are required to give effect to the pronouncements made in the National Forest Policy, 1988.

A draft of the revised legislation has been circulated among the State Governments for their views before taking up the process of finalising the legislation.

Projects for Environmental Clearance in various sectors

2759. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of projects in various sectors approved by the Ministry during the last three years till date;

(b) the total number of projects which were granted environmental clearance during the same period; and

(c) the number of projects which were rejected during the same period and the reasons for rejection in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b)

Sector	No. of Projects Approved/Cleared between 1-8-90 and 31-5-93
Industry	77
Mining	61
River Valley	25
Nuclear Project and Allied Sector	5
Thermal Power	36
Miscellaneous	75
	279

(c) The total number of projects rejected between 1-8-90 and 31-7-93 is 86; 8 of these were rejected on merits, and 78 due to non-submission of requisite environmental and other data. Details are given in the statement.

Statement

Projects for Environmental Clearance in various sectors

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
A.	PROJECTS REJECTED DUE TO NON SUBMISSION OF REQUISITE ENVIRONMENTAL DATA/ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN
1.	Government of India Mint, Hyderabad.
2.	Setting up of 8,000 MTPA Polyester Yarn at village Naldhari, Distt. Baruch.
3.	Reliance Petrochemicals, Hazira.
4.	LPG storage facilities at Vaghodia, Gas Authority of India Ltd.
5.	Bhilai Steel Plant of SAIL.
6.	MDI Plant by HDCL, Raigad.
7.	Alumina Plant at Angul—NALCO.
8.	Sponge Iron Plant near Daitari.
9.	Rourkela Steel Plant, SAIL.
10.	Salem Steel Plant Expansion (Cold Rolling Facilities) of SAIL.
11.	Kailash Rubber Industries at Agra.
12.	Cold Rolling Steel Strip Unit at Dehradun.
13.	Halogen Lamps Units, at Dehradun.
14.	Wool Dyeing Unit, Agra. (Perfect Dyeing)
15.	Bagasse based newsprint paper mill at Aliganj.
16.	Galvanised wire manufacturing at Mathura Wires (P) Ltd.
17.	Installation of induction furnance in place of one cupola, by M/s Ganga Engineers, Agra.
18.	Expansion of Road Master Steel Strip, Rishikesh.
19.	Petrochemical Unit at Salempur by M/s J & K Petroleum.
20.	Fertilizer Plant at Shahjahanpur.
21.	Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur of SAIL.
22.	Modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd, Durnpur.
23.	Limestone mining Project—Someswara Cement and Chemicals Ltd.
24.	Madapalli Opencast Project, Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd., (SCCL)
25.	Khairaguru Opencast Project, SCCL.
26.	Limestone Mine attached to Tandur Cement Factory, Cement Corporation of India (CCIO).
27.	Cherla Opencast Project, SCCL.
28.	Saunda 'D' underground Project of Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL).
29.	Dhori West (Amlo) Project, CCL.
30.	K. D. Hesalong Opencast Project, CCL.
31.	Muraidih Coal Handling Plant, Charat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL).
32.	Tisra Coal Handling Plant, BCCL.
33.	Env. management and reclamation plan by M/s Saroj Mining Syndicate for quartz mining at Kanchikonam village Harapanahally Taluka.

34. Deulbera Underground Mine, Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.
35. Talcher Underground Mine, SECL.
36. Reorganisation of Nandan Colliery, Western Coalfields Ltd.
37. Sheetaldhara Underground Mine, South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
38. Kolar Pimpri Opencast Project, Western Coalfields Ltd.
39. Jhiroli Magnesite Mine of Almora Magnesite Ltd.
40. Tilaboni Underground Project, Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
41. Road River Diversion Scheme for Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.
42. 13 Micro-mini hydel schemes on Vadodra and Miyan branch of Narmada Canal (105 MW).
43. 2 mini Hydel schemes on Narmada Canal.
44. 8 mini/micro hydel schemes on Mahi Canal fall.
45. Sallaj Yamuna link canal.
46. Nogal HEP (10 MW) Revised.
47. Sewa Project.
48. Kishanganga H. E. Project (330 MW).
49. Suru Hydel Scheme.
50. Chembukkadava small HEP stage II Project.
51. Kerala Bhavani H.E.P.
52. Tripole Mini HEP.
53. Mantar HE Project (2×40 MW).
54. Pimpalgaon Joge Pumped Storage Scheme. (2×300 MW).
55. Tuirial H.E.P.
56. Upper Kolob Irrigation Project—Irrigation Sector Unit-II.
57. Teesta HEP (1200 MW).
58. Gouriganga HEP Stage-I & II.
59. Loktak Down Stream Hydro Electric Project (3×30 MW).
60. Kalpong Hydro Electric Project (3×1.75 MW).
61. Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana.
62. Bakreswar Project for supply of water to Bakreswar.
63. Farakka Barrage HEP.
64. Godavari Gas Based Power Project—800 MW, NTPC.
65. Kayamkulam TPS 2×210 MW—NTPC.
66. Parli TPS 2×250 MW, Maharashtra State Electricity Board.
67. Govindwas Sahib TPS 2×250 MW, PSEB.
68. Agartala Gas Turbine 500 MW—NTPC.
69. Rihand Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II 2×250 MW, NTPC.
70. Namrup Gas based Power Station Stage-II 2×300 MW—ASEB.
71. Nabinagar TPS 2×250 MW—BSEB.
72. Narmada TPS 2×500 MW—GSEB.
73. Maithan Left Bank TPS 4×210 MW—DVC.
74. Construction/expansion of an air-strip for the use of Navy in Great Nicobar Island.
75. Establishment of New Lighted Beacon at Interview Islands.
76. Railway Line Diversion Project of Central Coal Mines Ltd.

77. Extension of South Quay-III and Modernisation of East Quay Berths at Madras Port.

78. Extension of Container Terminal at Barathi Dock at Madras Port.

B. PROJECTS REJECTED FOR SPECIFIC REASONS

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Reasons
1.	Installation of D. G. Set by M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Siting criteria not fulfilled.
2.	Stage II Expansion of Aldoy Steel Plant, Durgapur.	Existing Plant does not meet the standards.
3.	Namrup Fertilizer Phase-III projects, HFCL.	Existing Plant does not meet the standards.
4.	Manuguru Thermal Power Station 4×500 MW, TPC.	Siting criteria not fulfilled.
5.	North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project 2×500 MW, NTPC.	Siting criteria not fulfilled.
6.	Sikka TPS—2×210 MW Gujarat Electricity Board.	Siting criteria not fulfilled.
7.	Construction of Veterinary Sub-Dispensary and staff quarter at Chowra Island in Nicobar.	Coastal Zone regulation not fulfilled.
8.	Construction of Air-strip at BHEL, Hardwar, U.P.	Siting criteria not fulfilled.

Development Activities in the Aravalli Range

2760. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to regulate the developmental activities in the Aravalli range; and

(b) if so, the details, thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests issued a notification on 7th May, 1992 regarding specific activities such as location of new industries, new mining operation, existing mining leases in sanctuaries/national parks and areas covered under Project Tiger and/or Mining is being done without permission of the competent authority, cutting of trees, construction of any cluster of dwelling units, farm houses etc. in certain identified areas of Aravalli Ranges in Gurgaon District of Haryana and Alwar District of Rajasthan. The notification prescribes procedures for obtaining permission from Central Government. It stipulates that work on specified activities should not be taken up without prior permission of the Central Government.

State Pollution Control Boards

2761. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Pollution Control Boards across the country have ordered the closure of 16 industrial units, following a direction by the Ministry of Environment and Forests; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the affected industrial units and the reasons for the closure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated for closure of 16 industrial units since they have not taken the necessary steps for installation of pollution control devices. The names of these units are given below :—

(i) M/s Kashmir Distilleries Private Ltd. Brahmana, Jammu.

(ii) M/s New India Distilleries Vasaypur Samba, Jammu.